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Military Information from Wittenberg, Zerbst, Dessau and Koethen

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Wittenberg.

1. On 10 September 1951, the Pionier Kaserne in Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) was only partly occupied by Soviet soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Some of the barracks were being repaired. Those garages which were visible from the outside were vacant. About 15 soldiers were engaged in construction work on the north side of a paved road leading from the installation toward the north. Truck [redacted] was identified in the billeting area and trucks [redacted] in the streets of Wittenberg. (1).

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Zerbst.

2. The barracks installation in Zerbst (N 52/D 98) was probably occupied by a tank unit on 10 September 1951. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. Source believed that the unit had just moved in or was about to move out. About 55 soldiers were assembled for roll call and 50 other soldiers rested near the garages. (2).

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Wittenberg.

3. The Beseler Kaserne on the west side of Teucheler Weg, Wittenberg, was occupied by about 100 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 12 September 1951. Some of the barracks buildings were being repaired. No vehicular traffic was noticed.

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4. The Flak Kaserne in the Wittenberg suburb of Trajuhn quartered about 300 troops on 12 September. Sentries and soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. The installation was rather run-down. The entrance for motor vehicles was on Nordendstrasse, that for tanks on Tschaikowskystrasse. An entrance to the tank repair shop, where four [redacted] two with the [redacted] were parked, was directly north of the entrance for tanks.

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5. Only one small guard detail was quartered in one of the 12 low barracks buildings of the hutment on Nordendstrasse. Two sentries, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, stood guard at the entrance to the hutment on Johann Rungestrasse. No motor vehicle traffic was noticed.

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(4) The trucks belong to elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div, to headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, to the GOFG and to air force units.

(5) The motor vehicles belong to an engineer unit in Gera-Tinz, to an air force unit and to an unidentified unit in Naumburg.

(6) It is possible that engineer units of the 6th Gds Tank Div, to which also the motor vehicles belong, were engaged in a special training exercise in this area. Since no information indicating that the 120th (?) Gds Engr Bn of the 6th Gds Tank Div had moved to the Nerder-Markendorf troop training grounds for the summer-training cycle has been received to date, it is fairly definitely believed that the unit conducts its training in the Wittenberg-Dessau area.

(7) Another source reported an additional tank unit with 30 T-34 tanks to have been quartered in the barracks installation at the airfield at the end of July 1951, and at the beginning of August 1951, an occupied AA gun emplacement with three guns near the airfield. The latter information was confirmed by a third source. [redacted]

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